## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides an image data processing method of recording image data coded with the MPEG (Moving Picture Experts Group) technique to a recording medium. For transition of the bit occupancy in a VBV buffer to a target value, the initial value of a bit occupancy in a VBV buffer is calculated on the basis of auxiliary data read from a recording medium, a comparison is made between the target and initial values of the bit occupancy, and the number of bits for assignment to each GOP of to-be-coded image data correspondingly to the result of comparison.

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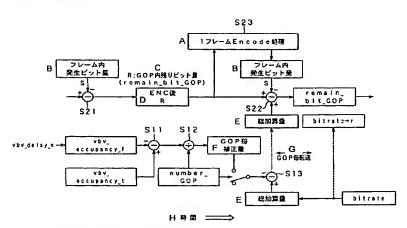
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- A...ONE-FRAME Encode PROCESSING
- B...AMOUNT OF BITS GENERATED IN FRAME
- C...AMOUNT OF BITS REMAINING IN GOP
- D...R AFTER ENC
- E...TOTAL SUM
- F...CORRECTION AMOUNT OF EACH GOP
- G...TRANSFER FOR EACH GOP
- H...TIME

(57) Abstract: An image data processing method of recording image data, coded in the MPEG (Motion Picture Expert Group) format, on a recording medium. To approximate the VBV buffer bit occupancy rate to a target value, the initial value of the bit occupancy amount in a VBV buffer is calculated by using auxiliary data read from the recording medium, the target value of the bit occupancy rate is compared with the initial value, and the amount of bits to be allocated to each GOP of image data to be coded is controlled depending on the comparison result.